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LETTER TO OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON

Sir:

Enclosed is a substitute corrected formal drawing sheet for the subject patent application. The corrected formal drawing sheet 1 includes in FIG. 1, "HBA HARDWARE 120" changed to -- HBA HARDWARE 119--. A copy of sheet 1/3 of the drawing is enclosed showing the proposed correction in red ink, and a formal corrected

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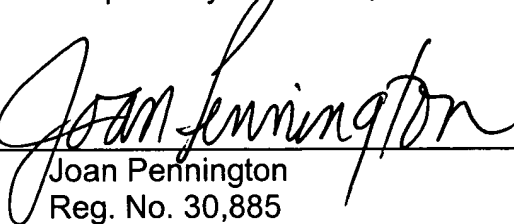
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